# WAS A CRIME COMMITTED?

Lincoln's Alleged Assassins Were Not All Guilty.

MRS. SURRATT AN INNOCENT VICTIM

A Dispassionate Review of the Evidence Shows Much of It to Be of Small Worth.

Was the treatment accorded the alleged accomplices of John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abroham Lincoln, that justice to which the law is supposed to entitle the simplest citizen? Was the hanging of Mrs. Mary E. Surratt a legal crime?

These questions will be particularly appropriate next Tucsday, for thirty-one years ago the evening of that day President Lincoln was murdered at Ford's Theatre,

John Wilkes Booth was the active agent in the great conspiracy to kill the President, Vice-President Johnson, Secretary of State Seward and the commanding general of the army, Ulysses S. Grant.

July 7, 1865, David E. Herold, George A. Atzerodt, Lewis Payne and Mrs. Mary E. Surratt paid the penalty by forfeiting their lives. Of the remaining conspirators, Mich. ael O'Laughlin, who was chosen to kill General Grant; Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, who, together with Booth, supplied the brains for the combination, and Samuel Arnold, who seems to have been little more than a dupe, having no direct connection with the great tragedy, were sentenced to imprison ment for life in the Dry Tortugas. Edward Spangler, the roustabout at Ford's Theatre who facilitated the escape of the assassin after the commission of the bloody deed, was sentenced to prison for

The trial of the accused was one of deep interest, for the country had not recovered from the horror of the assassination when the prisoners were placed in the deck. The magnificent defence of the pristhough the hands, heads and hearts of all loyal men were turned against their clients.

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Of the military judges it is enough to say that Generals David Hunter, August V. Rautz, Albion P. Howe, James A. Ekin, David B. Clendenin, Lew Wallace, itobert S. Foster, T. M. Harris and C. H. Thompins, who constituted the august to the nest so as not to alter the entire number. Ekin, David B. Clondenin, Lew Wallace, indepth of the property of the property

easte prisons, nor will they be able to understand why self-confessed faisifiers and confederate "auspects" were allowed to testify for the Government, when the testimony of those who were accused of "harboring disloyal thoughts" against the Union was either expunged from the records or not admitted when these witnesses favored the defence.

The existence of a conspiracy, first to abduct the President, and, this failing, to kill the executive heads of the Government, was undoubtedly proven, and the evidence shows that John Wilkes Booth, John H. Surrat, David E. Herold, Lewis Payne, George A. Atzerodt, Edward Spangler, Samuel A. Mudd and Michael O'Laughlin were connected with it in varying degrees of guilt, but calm, dispassionate investigators now say there was hardly a scintilla of evidence to justify the banging of Mrs. Mary E. Surratt, or the life

the middle of April to July. It then loses is notes and departs, as though ashamed of its loss.

In ancient times many wonderful virtues were attributed to this bird. One writer asserts that if, when the bird was first heard in song, the listener drew a small circle around his right foot and then dug ty the earth on which his foot rested, that no fea or bug could be hatched where that dirt was scattered. Another sage says that if the listener procures the longest tall feather from the songater without injuring him, that he will be proof against infection diseases provided he would burn the feather, and breathe the smoke from it, taking care to inhale it well.

There are many species of the cuckoo family scattered over the globe. One in South America is called the Honey Guide. This bird is inordinately fond of honey, but not being able to get at it by its own exercised the south america is called the Honey Guide. This bird is inordinately fond of honey, but not being able to get at it by its own exercised to the south america is called the Honey Guide. This bird is inordinately fond of honey, but head to be a failed to feel of the middle of April of its actual to b ing of Mrs. Mary E. Surratt, or the life imprisonment of Samuel Arnold.

The North American cuckoo, of which there are two varieties, has not the poaching habits of its English cousin, preferring to build a nest of its own, and hatch the eggs itself. In the main the testimony adduced proves that Mrs. Surratt was the mother of John H. Surreitt, and that the son introduced his fellow-conspirators to his mother as his friends, and that she received them in her home upon that footing. John H. Surratt was a flery youth, a Southerner by birth, and a firm supporter of the Con-

There is not a shadow of doubt that John Wilkes Booth, who was, all know, a strangely magnetic and unusually gifted man, played upon this boy's feelings and man, played upon this poly's feerings and made him his pliant tool. The evidence shows that young Surratt looked upon the handsome and talented actor as a sort of demi-god. Booth, desirous of retaining his influence over the son, ingratiated himself converting animal matter, before decomposition sets in, into a substance resemiling sition sets in, into a substance resemiling sition sets in, into a substance resemiling with the mother and sister. The acquain- marble, being sufficiently hard to allow

with the mother and sister. The acquaintance thus formed ripened into intimacy, and the delighted mother, proud of her boy's famous friend, became the involuntary and innocess agent of some of the master scheener's plans.

The principal witness againt the unfortunate woman was Louis J. Weichmann, her son's college mate, and his evidence only went to show that Mrs. Surrutt received her son's friends on several accasious, and that she held a whispered conference on one occasion with her tenant Lloyd, with whom she had business relations. Not a word of treason, not the slightest hint of her knowledge of the great

Hanging of Mrs. Surratt, Payne, Herold and Atzerodt.



A LUCKY INFANT.

What an Astrologist Finds in the Horo scope of George Gould's Youngest Child.

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THE COPELAND PHYSICIANS CURING THE DEAF.

Alexander Erkhardt, of 153 Divis-

Eugene Baumann, 317 Devoc street d buzzing noises in my ears that sou caping steam. I can now hear perfe e buzzing noises in my ears are gone.



James Flynn, 645 West 130th teer. I was stone deaf in that ear. There a rearing sound in that ear. There a rearing sound in that ear which sounded as if I were holding a big sea shell to my and all the noises in the world were contrated in that shell. Now I can hear distly in my right ear, and the noises are all

Daniel Harrow, of 692 Eleventh avenue, sontheast corner Sixty-second street, sald to the writer: "I slipped and fell on the ice two years ago, and from that time I gradually be came deaf in my left ear. I was almost to tally deaf in that ear. Now I can hear the clock tick in that ear. My hearing has been entirely restored."

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J. Stephen Van Dyke, of No. 508 Cent ave., Brooklyn, is the collector of the Enick



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### THESE PROPLE HAVE BEEN RESTORED TO PERFECT HEALTH.

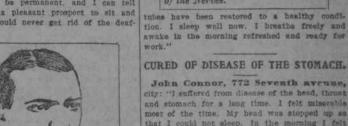
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and stomach for a long time. I felt miserable most of the time. My bead was stopped up so that I could not sleep. In the morning I felt tired and languid, and I had no life or am-

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Joseph R. Munter, 123 Walker street, city. Cured of Disease of the

BLEEDING AT THE NOSE CURED.

George Henderson, 284 Glenmore avenue, Brooklyn: "I suffered from catarrh of the head, throat and stomach and with bleeding at the nose. For twelve months I was under the care of doctors, but they didn't do me any good. I finally went to the Copeland Physicians, and the Copeland Treatment Cured ma I am in better health since I went to the Copeland Physicians. They are better than any tors I have ever come across."

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